

REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview on March 14, 2004. These Remarks include a complete report of the substance of that telephone interview.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

Claim 1 and 53 – 58 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1 and 53 – 55 have been amended in a manner that the Examiner indicated in the telephone Interview would overcome this rejection. Claims 56 – 58 have been canceled because they are redundant in view of the amendment to claim 1.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

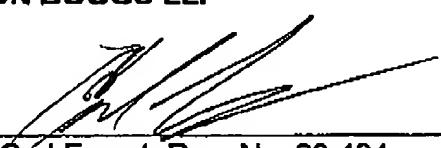
Claims 1, 53, and 57 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Henningfield et al. (US Patent No. 5221668). Claims 1 and 53 have been amended in a manner that the Examiner indicated in the telephone interview would overcome this rejection. Claim 57 has been canceled, as it is redundant in view of the amendment to claim 1.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application, including claims 1 and 53 – 55 and new claims 69 and 70, is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested.

It is believed no fees are due. If any fee is seen to be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1848.

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